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State of
Vermont } Windsor 18th March 1778

The Comtee Appointed by the
Honorable General Assembly
beg Leave to Report as their opinion
that the Place for County Election
be at Benington in the County
of Benington ——

by order of Comtee John Barrett Chn

~~Feby~~ Octr 13th 1779

To the Honourable the General Aſsembly Now Sitting at Manchester

Your Committee apointed to form Rules to Govern Said Aſsembly Beg Leave to Report. it is their opinion that the Rules following are Neſsary (viz)

1st That any Member that is abſent at Role Call Shall not take his Seat without first Satiſfying the house for Such Neglect

2nd That any Member who Shall be abſent more than fifteen Minits at a time after Role Call without Leave of the house Shall be Treated in Like manner

3d That no Member Shall Speak without Leave of the Speaker

4th That a member Shall not Speak more than Twice to any Case without Leave of the house

5th That Each Member keep his Seat onely when Speaking and that no Member Speak without Riſing up

6.y That Each Member who Shall withdraw from the Aſsembly Refuſing or Neglecting to act therewith on any pretence whatſoever with^out^ first obtaining Leave of the house. Shall be Expelled from this Aſsembly. that any Member or Spectator Refuſing to obey the orders of the Speaker agreable to the above Rules Shall be Expelled the house, that the Dores of the house Shall be open to any Spectators who Shall behave themſelves orderly Except when the Good of the State Shall Require the Dores to be Shut. That the Speaker of the house Shall Emediately put Every Motion to Vote that is Seconded unleſs Emediately objected to

That the officers of the house Shall punctually attend at the time of adjournment on penalty of being Reduced to private Members

Saml Robinson
Joshua Webb
Amos Robinson

Resolved that the above Report be accepted
attest Roswell Hopkins Clark

Your Committee appointed to nominate 18 Persons, 9 of whom are to be Chosen for a Board of War for this State beg leave to recommend the Persons hereto annext, for the aforesd. Purpose

Manchester
19th October
1779

John Fassett Chairman

Thomas Chittenden Esqr
Ira Allen Esqr
Joseph Bowker Esqr
Joseph Bradley Esqr
Jonas Fay Esqr
Major Benja. Wait
Capt Ebenr Allen
Benja Emmons Esqr
Col. Samuel Fletcher
Major Ebenr Wood
William Ward Esqr +
Joseph Fay Esqr
Timothy Brownson Esqr

Joshua Webb Esqr
[redacted]
Capt Hodges
Major Tylor
Samuel Robinson Esqr
Jonathan Fassett Esqr

To the Honble the General Assembly now sitting in Manchester — your Committee apointed to affix the Sallery of the Governor for the preceeding and ensuing year — beg leave to report as our opinion, that his Excellency the Governor ought to be paid seven hundred pounds in addition to the three hundred pounds granted to him by the General Assembly in October last, for the year past

and that his Excellency ought to have ne hundred ~~fifty~~ pounds for the year ensuing as good as money was in the year 1774

Manchester October 22^d 1779 Jeremiah Clark Chairman

Manchester 14th Octob[illegible]

To the Honourable the General Aſsembly Now Setting

We your Honours Committee appointed to point out [illegible] and Duty of a Surveyor General in the State of Vermont —

Beg Leave to Report that it is our opinion

That it is the Duty of the Surveyor General to form a General map or Maps of this State for the Use of this State according to a Resolve of the General Aſsembly at their Seſsions in June 1779 & that it be Done at the Cost of this State. & That the Surveyor General have Authority to Deputise one or more meet perſon or perſons to be Surveyors under him to Lay out Lands, Run Lines, and Aſsertain Boundaries ~~upon oath~~ —

and that it Shall be the Duty of Said Surveyor General to Examin all Surveys & plans that Shall be made by any of his Deputies or any previous Survey or plan that has been made by any approved Surveyor in order to be Exhibited to the General Aſsembly of this State in order to obtain Grants of Land within Said State. and approve or Disaprove of Said Survey as it may appear to Said Surveyor General to Comport with the true intent and meaning of the General Aſsembly in the Resolve they past the 20th of October 1779. (viz) that no petition to this Aſsembly for Lands be Considered in this Aſsembly Unleſs a Survey and plan of Said Land be first made by the Surveyor General &c

~~[illegible]~~. and that when any orders Shall be given by the Govener and Council or General Aſsem=bly of this State Relative to Laying out any Tract or parcel of Land Runing Lines or Aſsertaining Boundaries within Said State

and that Said Surveyor General Shall Execute Said orders without unneſsary Delay.

Joseph Bowker } Chair Man

Paſsed the House

Manchester October 23d 1779

To the Honorable General Assembly Now siting

we your Committee appointed to prepair a Bill for the Purpose of Directing the Patitioners of the town of Benington & the Adacent townes Relative to the Build of a Court house and Goald for the Use of the County of Benington and to Determen what Part of the time the Courts of Judicature Shall be held in Sd Bening [illegible]

Beg Leave to Report (viz) ——

that it is our Opinyon that Sd Patitioners Bulde and Compleat a Convenient Court hous and Goald in Sum Convenient Place in Sd town of Suffiesant Bignes for the Use of Sd County, and have Sd Courthouse & Goald Compleated By the first day of September Next [illegible] and ~~that~~ the Courts of Judicature for the ~~half of time~~ ~~of Benington~~ County of Benington Be held one half of the time at said house ~~after the first~~ During the Present Citiacion of Sd County in Respect to its Bounds as they now Stand

Joseph Bowker Chairman

Accepted —

Manchester October 26th 1779

Your Committee appointed to prepare or fix some [illegible] for the Settlement of the Townships of Bethel by Leave [illegible]

that it is the Opinion of your Committee, that Each Proprietor ought to Cultivate five acres on Each Right within the Term of three years from the date of Sd Grant. and that he also build a House of Eighteen feet Square and be in actual Possession of the Premises within five years from the date aforesaid and Continue to Improve said Land and for Non Compliance therewith Sd Land to Revert back to the Freemen of this State

Moses Robinson Chairm

October 27th 1777

Your Committee appointed by the Council and aſsembly to ~~to~~ Examine and aſcertain the Neceſsary Buſineſs to be done this Seſsion Beg Leave to Report (viz) —

1st that it is the opinion of your Committee, that the Laws of this State be Receiv'd

2 ly that thoſe Charters, of ~~Land~~ former (the Committee Reporte'd as their opinion ought to be granted) be done, and the Price Set, said Petitioners are Respectively to pay & a Committee appointed to Receive the money and Enter the names of
~~3 ly~~ thoſe Grantees ~~that the Charter~~ Paid for their land on sd Grant and to strike out thoſe that dont Pay & Enter thoſe ~~Persons~~ names that Will —

3 ly to Determine about Laying an Embargo on Wheat or Flour

4 ly to Chuse Committees (or Impower the Governor and Council to Chuſe them) to Survey and aſcertain the Bounds of the Several towns ~~in~~ this State at the Cost of the Respective towns and Report to the aſsembly in order to be Confirm'd

5 ly to State the Fees of the Judges of the Superiour Court, attorneys fees & Jurys Fees

6 ly to Chuſe a Committee to make a Marſhal Law —

MR Chairman

Manchester 22 October 1779..

To the Honble the General Assembly Now Setting

Your ~~the~~ Committee appointed to point out the Office and Duty of Secretary of the State of Vermont

Beg Leave to Report that it is our opinion that it is the Duty of the Secretary of ~~the~~ said State to keep a Regular Office and Regester of all the Proceedings of the ~~Council &~~ Generale assembly of this State & to Receive on file all Petitions & Remonstrances and Grant Coppy thereof when thereto Requested taking therefor his Lawfull fees & Regester all Charters & Grants of Land made in this State ~~and that said Secretary is authorised to appoint one Deputy to assist him in his office~~

Joseph Bowker } Chairman

Passed in the House.

~~This Council propose as an amendment~~
~~that the words Engrossed on the 2 Leaves be Inserted~~ as
~~they stood~~
~~pr order Thos Chittenden~~ Gov

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State of Vermont } In General Aſsembly Manchester 20th Octr 1779

At a Committee consisting of the Governor, Council and House of Representatives held at Manchester on the 20th of October 1779 to take into consideration some matters of importance concerning the State of Vermont.

1st His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esquire was unanimously chosen Chairman of said Committee.

2d Chose Joseph Fay Esqr Clerk

3d Voted that the policy of the State requires the doors of the House to be shut.

4th Voted that Genl Ethan Allen, Stephen R. Bradley, John Throop, Noah Smith, and Nathaniel Chipman Esqrs be requested to attend the Committee.

5th Voted unanimously that it is the opinion of this Committee that this State ought to support their right of Independance at Congreſs and to the world in the character of a free and independant State.

6th Voted to adjourn this Committee to 2 o'Clock this afternoon then to meet at this place.

Committee met according to adjournment.

7th Voted that this Committee recommend to the General Aſsembly of this State to make grants of all or any part of the unappropriated lands within the same (at this present ſeſsion or in future as their wisdom may direct) that does not interfere with any former grants.

8th Voted that this Committee be and it is hereby diſsolved.

Attest Joseph Fay Clerk

In General Aſsembly Octr 21st 1779

The Committee of the whole brought in their Report which being read Resolved said Report be accepted Extract from the Minutes

Roswell Hopkins Clerk

State of Vermont } In General Aſsembly Manchester 21st Octr 1779

Resolved that five Agents be chosen to wait on the Congreſs of the United States of America on the first day of February next, and that they or any three of them are hereby fully authorised and impowered, by and in behalf of the Legislative authority of this State, to vindicate their right to Independance at that honble Board: And furthermore our said Agents or any three of them are hereby amply impowered to agree upon, and fully settle Articles of Confederation in behalf of this State, with the United States, which shall be valid and binding on us, our constituents and our succeſsors: And to transact and manage all political affairs thereof at Congreſs as a free and independant State: And report thereon as soon as may be to this ~~House~~ Aſsembly.

The following persons were chosen by ballot for Agents to attend Congreſs on the busineſs of this State as in the above resolve vizt The honble Genl Ethan Allen, the honble Jonas ~~Moses~~ Fay and Paul Spooner Esquires, Stephen R. Bradley Esqr and the honble Moses Robinson Esqr.

Extract from the Minutes
Roswell Hopkins Clerk

State of Vermont } In General Aſsembly Octr 21st 1779

Resolved that there be an Agent chosen to go to the General Aſsembly of Maſsachusetts Bay, and other places contigious for to negociate the public busineſs of this State — The honble General Ethan Allen was unanimously chosen by ballot

Extract from the Minutes
Roswell Hopkins Clerk

In Council 27th Octr 1779

The Several Resolutions of The Committee and Genl. Assembly within mentioned Read and Passed in Council

Attest Jos Fay Secy

Manchester Octr — 1779

His Excellency The Governor and the honble the Council and house of Representatives were formed into a Committee of the whole to Take into Consideration &c.

8thly Voted that this Committee be & it is hereby Dissolved.

Attest Jonas Fay Clk

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In General Assembly Octr. 21st. 1779

Resolved that the aforsaid Report of the Committee of the whole be Accepted with the alteration of "impartial" being scratched out in the 5th. Resolve — Extract from the Minutes

Rosl. Hopkins Clerk